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FUNCTIONAL COMPOUNDS AND THEIR USE
AS SURFACTANTS

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Docket: ACR6100US

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RESTRICTION RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed February 10, 2005, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 1-5, 7-16, 19-21 and 25-28 on the merits. However, the examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the restriction requirement in view of the following remarks.

Remarks

In the office action mailed February 10, 2005, the examiner required applicants to restrict the invention to one of the following groups:

*Group I, claims 1-5, 7-16, 19-21 and 25-28, drawn to a
process for preparing multifunctional quaternary ammonium compounds
and the multiple functional hydrophilic/hydrophobic compounds obtained
from the reaction of an amine and a dicarboxylic acid; and*

Group II, claims 6, 17-18, 22-24 and 29-32 drawn to a viscosity modifying agent, an ore flotation aid and a surfactant composition.

In response to the restriction requirement applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-5, 7-16, 19-21 and 25-28 on the merits. Applicants respectfully submit, however, that the restriction requirement be reconsidered in view of the following comments.

The examiner is respectfully directed to 37 C.F.R. 1.475 subsection c., which states that claims to different categories of invention will be considered to have unity of invention if the claims are drawn only to one of the following categories:...

"c. A product, a process specially adapted for the manufacture of said product, and use of said product... ."

Since Group I contain claims directed to the product and process specially adapted to making said product; and since Group II claims relate to the uses of the products of Group I, applicants respectfully submit that unity of invention is satisfied pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.475 subsection c. In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that the present restriction requirement is improper; reconsideration and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested, along with an action on the merits on all of the pending claims.

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